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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1883-4.

J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, Wm. A. Davis, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, T. H. Stout, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker, and B. B. Davis.

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Jesse Robson, Clayton,

W. H. Patterson, Eufaula,

T. H. Stout, Clayton,

W. N. Reeves, D. D., Eufaula,

A. H. Borders, Clayton,

J. E. Chambliss, D. D., Eufaula.

Z. T. Weaver, Harris,

H. E. Brooks, Eufaula.

I. P. Cheney, Glennville,

H. R. Schramm, Eufaula,

W. S. Rogers, Midway.

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Riley Herring, Louisville,

G. W. Harrison, Clayton,

L. D. Hughes, Louisville,

C. J. Stephens, Eufaula.

J. B. Bludworth, Star Hill.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—L. K. Faulk, J. R. Vann, W. C. Jordan.

STATE MISSIONS—R. L. Barker, J. E. McCormick, J. T. Watkins.

HOME MISSIONS—J. J. S. Willis, C. Thompson, G. S. Cade.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. A. Foster, E. C. Perry, Wm. Johnson.

OBITUARIES—W. S. Rogers, F. O. Robson, J. G. Dominy.

EDUCATION—J. A. Besson, A. H. Borders, John Milner.

PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—W. H. Patterson; ALTERNATE—T. H. Stout.

MISSIONARY SERMON—J. E. Chambliss; ALTERNATE—I. P. Cheney.

MINUTES.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
EUFAULA, BARBOUR CO., ALA., OCT. 26, 1883.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the *First Baptist Church, Eufaula, Barbour County, Ala.*, in its THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION at 11 o'clock A. M.

2. The *Introductory Sermon* was preached by Z. T. Weaver from the text 1 Peter 3:15. Adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

3. The *Association was called to order* by the Moderator, who conducted Devotional Exercises for fifteen minutes.

4. The *Letters from the churches* were read by T. M. Bailey and J. E. Chambliss.

5. *Delegates* were enrolled as follows:

BETHLEHEM.—J. E. McCormick, J. G. Sinquefield.

CENTRE RIDGE.—J. J. S. Willis, John Miller, Henry J. Ward.

CLAYTON.—Jesse Robson, A. H. Borders, J. A. Foster, L. K. Faulk.

COWKEE.—Thomas Weathers, T. J. Hudgeons, George Cade, J. Brightwell, H. C. Thornton.

ENON.—J. H. Prudden.

EUFAULA.—J. E. Chambliss, W. H. Patterson, W. N. Reeves, J. D. Roquemore, S. A. Holt, E. T. Long, J. A. B. Besson, B. B. Davis, J. A. Walker, A. A. Couric, C. Rhodes, E. S. Shorter, S. G. Robertson, J. M. Thweatt, G. L. Comer, R. S. Jones, H. L. Jordan, J. A. Sylvester, Wm. A. Davis.

EVERGREEN.—Jno. Cook.

GLENNVILLE.—J. A. Roquemore, W. S. Paullin, Wm. J. Jones, I. P. Cheney.

HAWKINSVILLE.—Virgil Crawford, Hiram Hawkins.

HURTSBORO.—M. L. Long.

MIDWAY.—W. S. Rogers, W. C. Jordon, G. B. Thomas.

MT. MORIAH.—A. A. Adams, J. N. Rasbery.

MT. OLIVE.—Jas. B. Hooten.

MT. ZION.—A. W. Beverly, R. J. Orr, J. R. Vann, R. L. Baker.

NEW HOPE.—Letter.—No delegate.

PEA CREEK.—Wm. Johnson.

PINE GROVE.—J. M. Thornton, G. W. Sparks, Geo. Boyer.

PLEASANT GROVE.—Wm. Reece, Wm. Seay.

PLEASANT HILL.—G. D. Williams, E. Franklin.

RAMAH.—J. A. Cobb, F. O. Robson, C. J. Jones, Z. T. Weaver, A. B. Starke.

UNION.—J. T. Watkins, Americus Baker, Jno. Farrior.

6. The following *Officers were elected*, to-wit: W. H. Patterson, Moderator; Wm. A. Davis, Clerk; and W. B. Starke, Treasurer.

7. On motion of J. E. Chambliss, the courtesies of the floor were extended to *members of the Press*.

8. *Prospect church* presented a letter and delegates with the statement that the letter asked for in 1880 had never been used and asked to be re-enrolled as a member of this body. The Clerk was instructed to re-enter the name of Prospect church. The following delegates were enrolled, to-wit:

J. A. Green, G. K. Bryant, J. G. Dominy.

9. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following *Committees* to report at this session, to-wit:

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Eufaula Church.

State of the Churches.—L. K. Faulk, J. R. Vann and M. L. Long.

Finance.—J. A. Walker, R. J. Orr and W. J. Jones.

Nominations.—W. S. Paullin, J. G. Singuefield and J. A. Cobb.

10. *Correspondents* were received as follows:

BETHEL ASSOCIATION.—W. B. McLendon, W. F. Castello and F. M. Bledsoe.

JUDSON ASSOCIATION.—R. B. Lee.

MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION.—A. B. Woodfin.

10. *Representatives* were received as follows:

STATE MISSION BOARD.—T. M. Bailey.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.—B. F. Riley.

FIRST CHURCH, TROY.—M. M. Wamboldt.

12. The *Report of the Executive Committee* was read by the Clerk and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1882-83.

The Committee was organized in Eufaula, Nov. 13, 1882, by the election of Eli S. Shorter, Chairman, and Wm. A. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer; and has held four meetings during the year.

Death of Bro. D. M. Seals.

We regret to report the death of Bro. D. M. Seals in August last. He has done much faithful work in our Association, having been identified with it from its organization, and having served a large portion of the time on the Executive Committee. We suppose the Committee on Obituaries will report suitable resolutions concerning his death.

District Meetings.

We decided that it was best not to have a District Meeting this year.

Sunday School Convention.

The Committee arranged the programme for the Glennville Sunday School Convention, held on April 28th and 29th. The session was very pleasant and, we believe, productive of good. The proceedings are submitted herewith for publication with the proceedings of the Association. These Conventions take the place of District Meetings, and the two held have been well attended by the members of the churches adjacent.

15. The following resolution was offered by Jno. D. Roquemore, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorses THE ALABAMA BAPTIST as a denominational organ and religious newspaper, approving with pleasure its high Christian standard, its charitable character, and its excellence as a news journal; that we earnestly recommend it to be taken and read by all Baptists in the State, and, that, if it be in the power of the State Mission Board, they subscribe for a number of its copies and distribute them in the destitute territory under their supervision.

After remarks by B. F. Riley, T. M. Bailey and W. N. Reeves, the resolution was adopted.

Recess till 8 p. m.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

16. The *Report on State Missions* was read by J. D. Roquemore, as follows:

Your Committee on State Missions submits the following report:

The labor performed by the State Mission Board is all done within the borders of Alabama and the work is one that appeals directly to our State pride, as well as to our Christian philanthropy, and the results accomplished by the Board during the past twelve months, and heretofore, is the best argument that can be made for a spirited and hearty support of the plans and purposes of the Board. No better summary of the work can be presented than that given in the circular letter of the invaluable Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Dr. T. M. Bailey, distributed to the various churches, and we here read from it, as follows:

STATE MISSION WORK.

"Last year we had forty-one missionaries. During the Conventional year just closed we had forty-eight men in the service of the Board for the whole or a part of the year. These missionaries preached in thirty towns and villages and in 115 places in the country, in forty-two of our counties, devoting to them 1,023 weeks' service. They delivered 4,019 sermons and addresses, constituted twenty-one churches, baptised 262, aided pastors in meetings in which 340 persons were baptized, received by letter 349, restored 50, made 6,923 religious visits to families for religious conversation and prayer, organized 62 Sunday Schools and 7 Ladies' Missionary Societies, held 670 prayer meetings, and distributed 30,074 pages of tracts, completed 4 new houses of worship, and are engaged in building 3 others. The facts and statistics of the year's work are inspiring. But much remains to be done. Our present annual income is inadequate to meet the calls upon us for missionary labor. New villages and towns are springing up along our new and old lines of railroad to which missionaries must be sent. Vast sections of our country are still destitute of Baptist preaching. We cannot withdraw our forces from a single point we are occupying. Hence if the Gospel standard is to be planted in these towns and villages and destitute country regions, our income must be enlarged. We need not less than \$12,000 for State work this year."

The entire report is rich in valuable and encouraging information and should be carefully read and pondered by every one interested in the work of which it treats.

The Board hopes to enlarge upon and extend the splendid work they have done this year, in the year 1884; they ask for our assistance in doing it. Indeed they are but our agents to perform this duty and their appeals to us should be

regarded only as a reminder that our duties and obligations are increasing and that increased contributions from us are necessary to meet these additional burdens. We must not lose sight of the fact that it is we ourselves, who in conjunction with others, are accomplishing the task of giving the benefits of the Christian religion to our destitute people—these people, our brothers, in almost every sense, who are “the Greeks at our doors.”

The wonderful enlightenment of the 19th century, this grandest age of the world, is found to be most advanced in those countries where the Christian religion is most universal, and yet, higher and higher it moves, led by the aspiration to approach as near as it may to the perfection taught by Christ. We cannot refuse to go with it and obey his teachings, or enjoy the blessings to be attained in such obedience. The religion of Christ is the only power known of men to lift men up; infidelity and atheism are monsters of destruction, blasting and mocking wherever they root, and giving nothing in exchange for consoling hope and sustaining faith, but harrowing doubt and black despair.

To carry out the work contemplated by the Board for 1884, we are told we must contribute \$1,500, as our share of the fund, necessary to accomplish it. We are also informed how our contribution will be divided and applied. Nearly half the sum is to be expended in Alabama, among those whose destiny is common with ours, and the influence of whose presence will be felt by us in all the public and private relations of life.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. ROQUEMORE, Chairman.

The *Report on Home Missions* was read by G. B. Thomas, as follows:

Since the location of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., and the appointment of Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary of the Board, the work has been enlarged with gratifying results. During the last conventional year the Board had under its appointment 95 persons; and the following is its official report of work done: Weeks of labor, 1,821; churches and stations supplied, 276; sermons and addresses, 5,571; prayer and other religious meetings, 1,632; baptisms, 245; received by letter, 494; Sunday Schools, 55; teachers and pupils, 2,680; miles traveled, 60,480; religious visits, 10,324; pages of tracts distributed, 74,479; houses of worship begun, 32; houses of worship finished, 11; collected for missions, \$843.73; collected for building houses of worship, \$2,090.75. This is certainly enough to convince us that the Home Mission Board is still alive and doing a great work.

The Board is on amicable terms with all the different State Boards, and is harmoniously working together with some of them in the same fields, and there is no occasion of fear that the State Boards and the Home Mission Board may compromise the effectiveness of one another, or fail to work harmoniously.

CALIFORNIA.

Bro. Hartwell, his wife, and Miss Jane L. Sanford are still laboring for the Chinese in San Francisco, Cal. They have been greatly disappointed in their plans to secure a better house of worship and a better school room, both of which they greatly need; but they are toiling faithfully, with some encouragements, in their peculiar work.

NEW ORLEANS.

The debt on the Coliseum Place Church has been so nearly liquidated that the matter may be dropped from our minds. Dr. Landrum's congregations are increasing and the church is encouraged. The First Church has 190 members, besides several members who have recently been baptized. The church is still in debt. Other missions have been opened in this great city, and other houses of worship should be built as speedily as possible.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Our work among the Indians was never so prosperous. The death of the lamented Buckner threw a pall over the work, but did not relax its energy. Bro. W. P. Blake has taken the place of Bro. Buckner and Mrs. Buckner has been made a missionary of the Board. As evidence of the progress of the work we offer the following: In 1867 there but two Baptist churches among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, with a membership of 130; now there are 45 churches, with a membership of about 1,500. At their late Association they received 6 new churches, and 130 baptisms were reported. Sixty-eight dollars were sent up by the churches for missions, and during the meeting ninety-eight dollars were collected. The chief of five wild tribes, with thirty-five attendants, traveled two hundred miles to attend the Association.

The Levering Labor Manual School is prospering under Bro. Trenchard's management. Its property is increasing in value, and it has an average attendance of 110 pupils.

Bro. Wm. Smith, an Indian preacher of considerable ability, has gone out to labor among the wild tribes.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

Not a few large settlements of foreigners have been made in the South within the last several years, and this foreign population increases rapidly. So far the Baptists of the South have done nothing towards giving them the pure Gospel truth instead of their false and corrupting religions. The Southern Baptist Convention had its attention called to this important element of our population at its last session, and our Home Board has the matter under earnest consideration.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

But little has yet been done in the way of systematic effort by Southern Baptists for the evangelization and elevation of the negroes of the South; but no one well acquainted with the circumstances will say that we have been criminal in this matter. The barriers, however, have been largely removed and the day for direct, earnest effort for them is upon us. Dr. McIntosh is laboring very effectively for them in Georgia under the joint appointment of the Home Mission Board and the State Mission Board of Georgia, and our own State Board is moving forward to this work with a careful but steady step. Indeed, the whole South seems to feel that the work can no longer be delayed.

THE CHURCH BUILDING FEATURE.

The Southern Baptist Convention in session at Waco, Texas, last May, introduced a new feature into Home Mission work—that of church building. It is proposed to raise a Church Building Fund, which shall be used in erecting houses of worship where missions are started in new formed communities and such centres of population as can not build at once for themselves. This part of the Home Mission work has been turned over to Dr. G. A. Nunnally, of Rome, Ga., and he is laboring assiduously to raise a fund for this purpose.

Every one must see that this, if made a success, will give permanency to work done and prove a great blessing to struggling bands of Baptists who are not able to build for themselves.

The permanent success of the Home Mission Society of the North has been largely due to the church building feature of their work, and their success encourages the hope that this feature will prove successful with us.

The importance of Home Missions is being felt more and more, and as our brethren realize its importance they will contribute more liberally. During the last fiscal year \$45,195.27 were contributed, an increase over last year of \$7,553.20. . What are we, of the Eufaula Association, doing for Home Missions? Do we realize the importance of this work? Are we coming up to the full measure of our duty in this work? These are questions which we should consider carefully.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. THOMAS, Chm'n.

The *Report on Foreign Missions* was read by W. S. Paullin, as follows:

Have we, as Baptists and members of the Eufaula Association, faithfully considered the great subject of Missions? It is no less than the conversion of the world from darkness to light, from sin to holiness, from Satan to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is said that the population of our earth is 1,443,000,000, and of this number there are only 124,000,000 Protestants, and in this number Baptists are included. But we think this is wrong, as the Baptists never affiliated with the Church of Rome, but claim their descent from Christ and his apostles. Therefore it is our duty to do all we can to hasten this great event. The grand defect in the practical Christianity of our day is that it fails to respond as it should to the calls of God's providence. The way opened up to the benighted nations of the earth is broader than our disposition to enter. Our contributions are too meagre for the divine pattern. The Lord has laid out for us a grand work and has given us means, opportunity and motive, and yet such is our reluctance that we have but half entered upon its accomplishment.

In former ages the test of Christian character and personal piety were exile, hunger, nakedness, imprisonment, the rack, the stake, and persecution unto death; but times have changed and the evidences of personal piety need now to be re-investigated and re-constructed. The grand test of love for Christ now is the life of faith, benevolence, giving and self-denying effort for the establishment of the cause of Christ throughout the whole world. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

The last annual report of the Foreign Mission Board gave us cheering news. The Board received \$56,000. Of this amount Alabama Baptists gave only \$2,500. The Board has missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Italy and China. The missionaries have native assistants laboring with them. The number of brethren and sisters laboring in these foreign fields is 38, and the number of native assistants is 30; total, 68. The number of our Foreign Mission churches is 1,052; pupils in the schools, 564; baptisms last year, 124. The outlook of Foreign Missions was never more favorable. The heathen are more accessible than ever. Christian men and women can go to any land beneath the skies to tell "the old, old story of Jesus and his love."

Earnestly did our fathers pray, "Lord, give us open doors to preach thy word," and now that their prayers have been answered, have we, their children, grace to enter them and do our full duty to the heathen world? Seven new laborers were sent last year into the field, and yet every mission is calling for more. Men and women, with hearts of love for Christ and souls, are willing to go, and the Board is willing to send them just as soon as the churches furnish them with means. Alabama Baptists are doing entirely too little for the heathen world. Of the Southern States, Alabama stands ninth in the list of contributions. We must do better. We need the conviction burned into all our hearts that the heathen are lost without the Gospel, and that it is our sacred duty as Christians to send it to them. Let the *Foreign Journal* have a wider circulation among us; let the monthly concert of prayer for Missions be revived, and let our pastors preach oftener on the subject of Missions.

The Board asks the Baptists of our State to give this year \$5,000 for Foreign Missions. Of this amount the churches of Eufaula Association are asked to give \$267.85. Brethren, let us see to it that our full quota is raised.

WM. S. PAULLIN, Chm'n.

The whole subject of missions being before the body, remarks were made by T. H. Sout, T. M. Bailey, A. B. Starke, and Z. T. Weaver, and the three reports were adopted.

Adjourned.

OCTOBER 27, 1883.

SATURDAY MORNING.

17. The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock and *Devotional Exercises* for fifteen minutes were conducted by I. P. Cheney.

18. The *roll* was called and corrected.

19. The *Report on Sabbath Schools* written by B. Davie was read by the Clerk, as follows:

One night in December many centuries ago, while the world slumbered and the fleeting hours slipped by, the first Christian Sermon was preached by angels to an audience of shepherds "abiding in the field and keeping watch by night."

Thirty-three years later the "good tidings of great joy" began to burst from the lips, hearts, and lives of men. Bethlehem's Babe, no longer wrapped in swaddling clothes, had established a kingdom destined to be assaulted by all the kingdoms of this world; a warfare was inaugurated, whose strife should never cease till from out the shades of fleeting ages Millenium's blazing sun should rise.

For nearly two thousand years have the heroes of that glorious cause grappled the monsters of idolatry, popery, paganism, heathenism, atheism, and infidelity. From the rack of torture, from the flames, from loathsome dungeons with iron fetters buried in their flesh, from lives of consecration under the scorching rays of Oriental suns, have they died proclaiming the same sweet message "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

But a revelation so glorious, so vital in its import could no longer be confined to the pulpit; the hungry multitudes clamored for it; the economy of the Infinite demanded it; and, within the last century, in the institution of the Sunday School, a means of Grace is given to the world, ranking in its high and holy mission, with the pulpit itself.

Your Committee undertook to arrive at the Sunday School status of each church in the Association, and beg to submit the following table as the result. [Included in Statistical Table.] The table is practically correct and shows several facts of importance.

1st. That over 500 souls in the Sunday Schools heard from are unconverted, or outside of the church, and together make up a fearful responsibility for the ministers, superintendents, and teachers at those places.

2nd. That out of 1,239 members of the church only 269 are engaged in the Sunday School work, and that, allowing say 200 for infirmity, affliction, &c., only one out of every four, who profess the religion of Jesus, are at work for Him in the Sunday School.

3rd. That a good per centage of the accessions to the church, nearly one-fourth were received from the Sunday School.

4th. That churches representing a membership of over 300 professing Christians have no Sunday Schools at all.

5th. That 6 are reported as on the decline, only 3 as being in good order, and 3 as improving.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee beg to offer the following resolutions:

1st. That the ministers of our Association be requested to give their personal supervision to every weekly session of the Sunday School in their power; and that in their pastoral rounds they press the vital claims of the Sunday School upon all.

2nd. That those of our brethren and sisters now idle or indifferent to the

Sunday School work be urged to avail themselves at once of the privilege of working for the Master in this precious field of Christian labor.

Your Committee have observed that the Sunday School cause is a popular one, and that in the rarest number of instances (only one in positive knowledge of the writer), has a man been found who could say I am opposed to Sunday Schools; yet this man is represented every Sabbath by two bright little daughters with lives of promise before them.

Your Committee beg to state that our last Sunday School Convention, at Glenville, was a decided success—the best we have yet had and with a greater representation from the churches. We bespeak for our next a still better representation; let no church fail to send delegates.

We sincerely thank our brethren, the clerks of the various churches for prompt correspondence as to this report. Fraternally submitted,

B. DAVIE, Chm'n.

After remarks by S. A. Holt, T. M. Bailey, A. B. Woodfin, Z. T. Weaver, and J. O. Hixson, the report was adopted.

20. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, *Art. VII of Rules of Decorum was changed* so as to read as follows:

Each church is entitled to three delegates for the first twenty-five members or less and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof in excess of twenty-five.

21. The following resolution was offered by J. M. Thornton, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Association hereafter meet on *Saturday* before fourth Sunday.

Amendments were offered to make the day *Tuesday* and to make it a day of the week to be appointed by the church with which the Association will convene. After some discussion, the principal motion and both amendments were laid on the table.

Recess.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

22. *Correspondents* were returned as follows:

BETHEL.—W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout.

CENTENNIAL.—A. B. Starke, C. J. Jones, J. E. Chambliss, R. J. Orr, A. W. Beverly, J. G. Sinquefield, W. C. Jordan, T. H. Stout.

COLUMBUS.—A. B. Starke, J. M. Thornton.

JUDSON.—W. H. Patterson, Wm. A. Davis, C. J. Jones, J. E. Chambliss, T. H. Stout.

MONTGOMERY.—J. A. B. Besson, J. A. Cobb.

NEWTON.—J. H. Prudden, T. J. Hudgeons.

SALEM.—Jesse Robson, W. C. Jordan.

TUSKEGEE.—W. C. Jordan, J. M. Thornton, Frank Robson.

23. The Report on *Aged and Infirm Ministers* was read by A. B. Starke, as follows:

Having been appointed by the Executive Committee to report on Aged and Infirm Ministers, we submit the following report:

We are gratified to see that the Baptist State Convention have adopted the plan recommended by the Eufaula Association four years ago, viz., making this

one of the objects of our benevolence. We think it unnecessary to bring any argument before this body to show its necessity, for it is plainly taught in the Holy Scriptures that they who preach the Gospel should be supported; and we think we are under greater obligations to support those who have worn out their lives in this sacred calling when they actually need assistance.

So far as your Committee is informed, there is no destitution in our bounds; and we are happy to find so little in the State. Of the 669 ordained preachers we find that only eight have received any assistance.

We are grieved to see how little has been given to this important work. The 75,000 Baptists have given only \$196.88; but are gratified to find that this Association gave \$36.20 or nearly one-fifth of this amount.

In order that every Baptist in this Association may see the plan recommended by the State Convention, we copy this from the Committee's report:

"Let a column headed Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (or a heading similar to that), be added to the annual list of appropriations that are sent out to the different Associations by the State Board. In that column let the Board equalize the amount needed from each Association to supply the actual wants of the beneficiaries. Let the State Board take charge of the entire matter; find out, through any source they can, who are entitled to aid out of this fund; where they live; the church and Association to which they belong; and their condition. Let a register be kept, and in that register let all the names of the beneficiaries be entered, and a short sketch of each be kept, so that any reference can be had. Let the State Board be empowered with the right to say who shall receive aid, and how much; and, also, to adopt such rules as they may deem best in reference to this fund and the recipients of the same."

Your Committee further recommend, that this Association appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be, to enquire into any destitution that may arise at any time in this Association, and communicate the same to the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. STARKE, Chm'n.

After remarks by A. B. Starke, J. M. Thornton, T. M. Bailey, Z. T. Weaver, J. E. Chambliss and W. S. Rogers, the report was adopted.

24. The *Report on State of the Churches* was read by L. K. Faulk and adopted, as follows:

The Committee herewith submit a digest of the church letters:

Bethlehem—Reports great interest. Weekly Sabbath School. Prayer meeting irregular.

Centre Ridge—Numerical increase. Spiritual decline. Contributions the same. Has a Sabbath School and prayer meeting.

Clayton—T. H. Stout elected pastor. Sunday School fine. Not much interest in prayer meeting. Several accessions by baptism.

Cowikee—No additions. No prayer meeting, no Sunday School.

Enon—In a poor condition. No Sunday School, no prayer meeting.

Eufaula—Has lost several valuable members. Spiritual condition good. Has an interesting Sabbath School and prayer meeting. Wm. A. Davis ordained deacon.

Evergreen—No letter. Sends one delegate.

Glennville—No additions by baptism. Irregular prayer meeting. Good Sunday School.

Hawkinsville—No prayer meeting. Sundry School meets semi-monthly. Has no pastor.

Hurtsboro—Interest increased. J. A. Howard successor of J. O. Hixson. Irregular prayer meeting. Splendid Sunday School.

Midway—Numerically the same. Sunday School well attended. Prayer meeting weekly.

Mt. Moriah—No Sabbath School. No prayer meeting. None added to church.

Mt. Olive—On the increase. Two added by baptism. No prayer meeting. Good Sabbath School.

Mt. Zion—Numerically and spiritually good. Six added by baptism. No regular prayer meeting, and no Sabbath School.

New Hope—Has a prayer meeting and Sabbath School. Held protracted meeting with good results.

Pea Creek—No prayer meeting. No Sunday School. Three additions by baptism.

Pine Grove—No prayer meeting. A well attended weekly Sabbath School. No pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Weekly prayer meeting. No Sabbath School. Condition of church good.

Pleasant Hill—Neither Sabbath School nor prayer meeting. Church is in a critical condition. No pastor.

Prospect—Weekly Sabbath School and monthly prayer meeting. Both interesting and growing. Invites the Association to meet with them at the next session.

Ramah—Numerical strength less than last reported. Church revived. Has a fine Sunday School. No regular prayer meeting.

Union—Increasing numerically and spiritually. Sixteen additions by baptism. Neither prayer meeting nor Sabbath School. Had no pastor during 1883 till recently.

Fraternally submitted,
L. K. FAULK,
J. R. VANN,
M. L. LONG.

25. The *Report on Obituaries* was read by J. M. Thornton, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of obituaries, while we have no death to report among our ministerial brethren, yet there has occurred a death in our midst, of one whom we all loved as a father in Israel, who has been garnered in the granary of heaven like a shock of corn fully ripe; whose demise has created a vacuum in our numbers that cannot easily be supplied; whose devotion to our tenets was earnest and true. His great living soul was always so happily expressed in his ever genial face. Brother D. M. Seals departed this life for the life everlasting, on the 2d day of August last, at his late residence in Eufaula, surrounded by a host of friends who honored him in life and mourned him dead, and now in memory's sacred urn carry with jealous care the sweet recollections of a man and brother of whom it might be truly said, "behold an Israelite indeed without guile." His faith was as sublime as its object, his love as tender and gentle as a John, his charity as unbounded as the world, and his devotion to duty knew no flagging, enduring troubles and afflictions like a Christian martyr, and finally, he triumphantly crossed the dark valley of the shadow of death, because he knew that "his Redeemer liveth."

One year ago our brother was an active member of this Association, a delegate at our last session, and took a prominent part in our proceedings, reading an interesting and able report on the subject of education, and warmly advocating every measure which looked to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and the amelioration of mankind. On the memorial occasion of Bro. J. Stratton Paullin, his words fell like balm upon many sorrowing souls, while his own loving nature melted in sympathetic tears. Turn which way we will, look at Bro. Seals' life from any standpoint we may, and we always find him genial, kind, loving, true and faithful to every trust. At the bar he had no superior and was duly honored as a wise, prudent and conscientious lawyer. As

a citizen he was faultless; as a Christian, where his virtues shone the brightest, is where we do most love to honor him, and as a feeble expression of our love and appreciation of our dear brother, in his life and work, and as a monument to his worth and the sadness of our hearts at his separation from us, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. D. M. Seals we have lost a brother beloved, whose wise counsel we sadly miss, but the memories of which we will ever cherish.

That in his life we recognize an example worthy of emulation, and recognize in him the true and consistent Baptist brother.

That our sympathies are hereby extended to the family of our deceased brother, and praying the great shepherd to carefully guide and protect the dear bereaved family of our brother—thus live that their end may be like his.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. THORNTON, Chairman.

After remarks by J. A. Foster, M. M. Wamboldt, J. D. Roquemore, J. E. Chambliss, J. A. B. Besson, A. B. Starke, W. N. Reeves, and W. S. Rogers, and prayer by W. N. Reeves, the report was adopted by a rising vote.

26. The *Report on Nominations* was adopted, as follows:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—W. H. Patterson.

Alternate—T. H. Stout.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—J. E. Chambliss.

Alternate—I. P. Cheney.

For Executive Committee—J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, Wm. A. Davis, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, T. H. Stout, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker and B. B. Davis.

For Delegates to State Convention—J. E. Chambliss, I. P. Cheney, W. N. Reeves, W. H. Patterson, W. S. Rogers, J. D. Roquemore, B. B. Davis, A. H. Borders, J. E. McCormick, E. S. Shorter, T. H. Stout, Jesse Robson, J. A. Foster, M. L. Long, S. A. Holt, J. A. Roquemore, A. B. Starke, E. L. Graves, W. C. Jordan, G. D. Williams, J. R. Vann, J. A. B. Besson, E. Tucker and H. J. Irby.

27. The *Report of Finance Committee* was read and adopted. [See Statistical Table.]

28. The *Report of the Treasurer* was adopted as follows:

A. B. STARKE, Treasurer,

In account with EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DR.

Oct. 27, 1883.—To amount received from Finance Committee..... \$1037.45

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Oct 27, 1883.—By amt. pd. Clk for print, Mins., post., &c.. \$ 60.00

“ “ “ Treas. Ex. Com. bal due him.. 2.05

“ “ “ Exec. Com. for educa. of G. W.

Harrison..... 100.00

“ amt. pd. Students fund, So. Bapt. Theol.

Sem. for I. P. Cheney..... 100.00

“ amt. pd. Students fund, So. Bapt. Theol.

Sem. for P. T. Hale..... 45.00

“ amt. pd. T. M. Bailey for Howard College for H. R. Schramm..... 56.70

“ amt. pd. T. M. Bailey for Aged and In-

firm Ministers..... 10.00

“ amt. pd. T. M. Bailey for State Missions. 363.78

“ “ “ T. M. Bailey “ Home “ .. 152.46

“ “ “ T. M. Bailey “ Foreign “ .. 147.46—\$1037.45

29. It was voted to hold *next session* of the Association with Prospect church.

30. The following resolution offered by J. D. Roquemore, was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That for the \$100 appropriated by this Association at this session to the Students' Fund of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, our brother, I. P. Cheney, shall not be considered liable to repay in any manner.

Recess till 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

31. The *Report on Education* was read by H. Hawkins as follows:

The subject of education occupies a vast field. It has been discussed, not only by the different Associations and Conventions of the Baptists, but by all denominations, creeds, and professions, by the Press and from the pulpits, since schools, societies, and churches have had distinctive organizations. It is, therefore, almost impossible in entering upon this field, though vast, to avoid going over ground already trod by the many, who have gone before.

On this occasion, we shall not go out of our way to attempt novelty, by shunning the foot prints of others, but shall avail ourselves, whenever necessary, of the wisdom of others. Nor do we feel constrained to confine our thoughts within the limits of reports usual on such occasions. We recognize the fact that we live in an age of progress; progress in the development of religious truth; progress in scientific research, as well as progress in education. And in nothing, perhaps, has there been greater progress, than in the appliances to foster and encourage education by the different denominations.

It is to enlightened Christians, in their individual, as well as in their collective capacity, that we must look for the motive power to mould public sentiment and shape public policy that the State may be relied upon to foster and maintain our public schools and State institutions of learning. That our public school system is not as complete as it should be, no one will deny. That radical reforms and changes in the whole system of education in our public institutions, as well as in the common schools, is clearly shown by the fact that public sentiment, not only condemns the superficial methods in common practice, but demands a more practical and less theoretical training. The age demands something more than a mere mental education; and the tendency is decidedly toward a practical, as opposed to a theoretical system.

"All the world's great benefactors have been specialists, have educated themselves practically, and worked out their own theories and embodied the creations of the brain, in works of the hand."

A public lecturer, North, recently "deplored the wretched equipment for real life with which the average youth returns from college, 'kid gloved and blooming,'" referred to the fact, that "honest victory" over this hard and rough world, has always fallen to the strong men, never to the "fine ones."

In this connection, we may add, that one of Georgia's most eminent lawyers and statesmen, also, recently said: "The State owes it to her young men growing into manhood, that she shall open to them other avenues of work and usefulness than the professions; that the professions crowded already to overflowing, do not develop, do not add to the wealth of the State, or stimulate progress, except indeed the scientific professions in the line of mechanic art. What is wanted for the young men, and for the development of the State, is training schools in the mechanic art, and Georgia can afford to make liberal appropriations for it." What Maj. Bacon says of Georgia, applies with equal force to Alabama.

Not only do public men North, as well as public men South, favor this new departure, but the people all over the land are waking up to a recognition of the dignity of labor and the necessity for special training of those who expect to devote themselves to industrial pursuits. We must get rid of the sham gentility that despises labor, and especially labor where brain and skill are necessarily united.

It is notoriously true, that some of the most successful villains of earth have been men of (what is termed), finished education. They had learned to despise honest toil, and sought, with unsoiled hands and untamed faces, to find a speedy road to wealth. We hold that it is in the power of the school system, properly supported in the home circle, to ennoble labor. In order to prevent the contaminations of vice it is necessary to pre-occupy the mind by the careful instruction and the faithful cultivation of the elements of virtue. The minds of children and youth should be made the subject of assiduous moral culture; and, as early as practicable, impressed with the fact that the highest state of man, consists in his purity as a moral being. That the highest attainment consists not in any cultivation however great of his intellectual powers only, but requires a corresponding and harmonious culture of his moral principles, emotions, and desires, and a full recognition of the supreme authority of conscience over his whole intellectual and moral being. Without this high moral culture, man may make the greatest attainment in science and be entirely wanting in that higher department of knowledge which links him to society, to humanity, to eternity, to God.

As intelligence is the basis of enlightened Christianity, the subject of education in all its phases enters largely into the Christian work; and, perhaps, in no other way can we so well convey a correct idea of the magnitude of the work, than by consulting statistical facts. The census report of 1880, shows that 43 per cent of all persons in Alabama over 10 years of age cannot read, and that 50 per cent of same class of persons cannot write. Of the native whites of 10 years and over 25 per cent cannot write. It also discloses the astounding fact that 43 per cent of our native white boys, from 10 to 14 years inclusive, cannot write. Those from 15 to 20 years inclusive, 26 per cent cannot write; whilst in the United States only 7 per cent, same age and class (and in many of the States only 1 per cent), cannot write—whilst 20 per cent of all the native white people over 21 years of age in Alabama cannot write their names. In 1870, there were in Alabama 379,771 persons, over 10 years of age, who could not read; in 1880, there were 370,279—showing an annual average increase from 1870 to 1880 of 2,050 persons, over 10 years of age, who cannot read. In 1870, we had in Alabama 17,129 white voters who could not write; in 1880, 24,450—showing an annual average increase from 1870 to 1880 of more than 700 white voters in Alabama, who cannot write.

This is a sad commentary upon our civilization; and shows that the pall of illiteracy hangs heavily over our people. How is this being dispelled? From the same source of information we learn that during the census year 1880, 4,600 teachers were employed, and the sum of \$430,000 expended in the cause of education; that 1,215 preachers of the Gospel were scattered over the State; that 125 periodicals and papers were being published in Alabama.

Since 1880, there has been a forward movement in educational interests. The extra educational appropriation by the last legislature to the school fund and to the State University and the A. and M. College, has given an impetus to the cause of education not before felt in Alabama.

The tone of the Press, from many sections of the State, indicates that the cause of education has taken an advanced position; that the general prosperity has overtaken our schools; that the interest taken by the Press and the people in the general subject of education has wonderfully increased during the year; that our schools, academies, and colleges were never so generally and generously sustained. It is gratifying to notice that the State University enjoys a success not before attained since the war; that the University, at Greensboro, has surpassed

the expectation of its friends; that the Agricultural and Mechanical College has entered upon a new career of usefulness; that our female colleges and normal schools were never in a more prosperous condition; and it is with more than ordinary interest that as Baptists we note the marked improvement in the career of Howard College, showing increased prosperity and maintaining its strong hold upon our denomination. And as much may be said of our Theological Seminary.

The propriety of establishing a chair of theology at Howard College, is being discussed by our denomination, and, therefore, claims some attention at our hands. After giving the subject such consideration as we have had time to devote to it, we are of the opinion, that before this step is taken, it would be well to act upon the suggestion of the wise "*master-builder*": Sit down, count the cost whether we have sufficient to finish it. Following this wise suggestion, we hold that before the chair is established, an endowment fund should be raised to support it; and, without discussing the subject further, we lay down this broad proposition: That if the friends of the enterprise, aided by the funds of the College and our denomination, are unwilling, out of their abundance now on hand, to contribute at once (or in installments), a sufficient endowment fund, it would be unwise to establish the chair, depending upon the uncertain annual contributions, over and above what will be contributed for the other necessary purposes, to support it.

This leads us to consider another subject of some importance, which we submit for your consideration. Is it a wise policy for our Association to send a young man to Howard College before he is prepared to enter upon a collegiate course? Would it not be better for the cause we hope to advance to support two young men, while pursuing an academic course in some good school or academy, than pay same amount to support one young man taking the same course at college? It seems to us that the mere statement of the proposition is of itself a sufficient answer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HAWKINS, Chm'n Com.

The report was adopted after remarks by J. S. Dill, W. N. Reeves, A. B. Woodfin, W. S. Rogers, T. M. Bailey and J. A. Foster.

32. The following *committees to report next year* were announced, to-wit:

Sabbath Schools.—L. K. Faulk, J. R. Vann, W. C. Jordan.
 State Missions.—R. L. Baker, J. E. McCormick, J. T. Watkins.
 Home Missions.—J. J. S. Willis, C. Thompson, G. S. Cade.
 Eoreign Missions.—J. A. Foster, E. C. Perry, Wm. Johnson.
 Obituaries.—W. S. Rogers, F. O. Robson, J. G. Domny.
 Education.—J. A. B. Besson, A. H. Borders, John Milner.

33. The *Report on Circular of State Mission Board* was read by W. S. Rogers and adopted, as follows.

The committee recommend that the churches pay the following sums, respectively, during the coming Associational year, to-wit:

Bethlehem.....	\$ 50 00	Mt. Moriah.....	\$ 20 00
Center Ridge.....	35 00	Mt. Olive.....	20 00
Clayton.....	90 00	Mt. Zion.....	85 00
Cowikee.....	50 00	New Hope.....	25 00
Enon.....	30 00	Pea Creek.....	20 00
Eufaula.....	400 00	Pine Grove.....	50 00
Evergreen.....	15 00	Pleasant Grove.....	15 00

Glennville.....	35 00	Pleasant Hill.....	25 00
Hawkinsville.....	25 00	Prospect.....	25 00
Hurtsboro	40 00	Ramah.....	75 00
Midway.....	175 00	Union.....	25 00

Total... \$1330 00

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. STOUT, Chairman.

34. On motion of W. S. Rogers, S. A. Holt was requested to furnish his *address on Sabbath Schools* for publication in THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.

35. The following resolution, offered by J. J. S. Willis, was adopted by a rising vote. to-wit:

Resolved, That this Association, in appreciation of the *hospitable manner* in which the delegates and visitors have been entertained during this session by the citizens of Eufaula, extend unto them our heartfelt thanks and pray the blessing of God upon them, that He may deal out to them of His spiritual blessings as they have ministered unto us of their carnal things.

Adjourned till Sunday morning.

OCTOBER 28, 1883.

SABBATH MORNING.

36. At 9:30 o'clock the Association attended the *Sunday School* of the Eufaula Church. T. M. Bailey made a few remarks.

37. At 11 o'clock W. S. Rogers preached the *Missionary Sermon* in the Baptist Church, and J. S. Dill preached in the Methodist Church.

SABBATH AFTERNOON.

38. M. M. Wamboldt *preached* in the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock.

SABBATH NIGHT.

39. A. B. Woodfin *preached* in the Baptist Church, T. M. Bailey in the Methodist Church and J. O. Hixson in the Presbyterian Church.

40. The Association then *adjourned* to meet with Prospect Church, 9 miles south of Clayton, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, (Oct. 24, 1884.)

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

WM. A. DAVIS, Clerk.

SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
OF THE
EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

GLENNVILLE, RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA.

APRIL 27, 1883.

Friday Night.

8:00—The *Introductory Sermon* was preached by Z. T. Weaver.

Saturday Morning.

9:30—*Delegates were enrolled as follows:*

Cowikee—T. J. Hudgeons, Thos. Weathers, Jno. Brightwell.

Eufaula.—A. A. Couric, W. D. Jelks, Wm. A. Davis, J. D. Roquemore, W. H. Patterson, J. A. B. Besson, Mrs. W. H. Pruett.

Glennville.—E. C. Perry, W. S. Paullin, B. F. McCarty, J. A. Roquemore, I. P. Cheney, T. N. Stewart.

Hawkinsville.—Virgil Crawford, H. Hawkins, Miss Virginia Crawford, Miss Ella Gaston

Midway.—W. S. Rogers, Mrs. M. E. Rogers, W. C. Jordan, G. B. Thomas, C. W. Martin, Mrs. Julia Finney, Miss Ida Jordan, Miss Willie Jordan.

Mt. Olive.—Z. T. Weaver.

Pleasant Hill.—G. D. Williams, Miss Geraldine Hunter.

Ramah.—A. B. Starke, Mrs. A. B. Starke, E. L. Graves, R. R. Gary, Mrs. R. R. Gary.

The *Convention* was organized by the election of A. B. Starke, Chairman, and Wm. A. Davis, Secretary.

The Pastor and Deacons of Glennville Church were appointed the *Committee on Preaching*.

The *Topic*, "Bible Biography, and how to use it in the instruction of children," was discussed by W. S. Rogers and J. D. Roquemore.

The *Topic*, "How should we instruct our children whom we would bring to Jesus?" was discussed by H. Hawkins, A. B. Starke, Z. T. Weaver, W. S. Rogers and J. A. B. Besson.

At 11:30 o'clock a *sermon* was preached by W. S. Rogers.

Recess.

Saturday Afternoon.

2:30—The *Topic*, "What exhibitions of Christian character may be fairly expected of a converted child?" was discussed by E. L. Graves, I. P. Cheney, W. S. Rogers and J. A. B. Besson.

The *Topic*, "The obligations of Christian parents to regulate their household religiously," was discussed by Z. T. Weaver, W. H. Patterson, J. A. B. Besson, W. S. Rogers and E. L. Graves.

Recess.

Saturday Night.

8:00—A *sermon* was preached by Z. T. Weaver.

Sunday Morning.

9:30—The *Topic*, "How can we make the Sunday School accomplish the most good?" was discussed by G. B. Thomas, J. D. Roquemore, W. S. Rogers and Z. T. Weaver.

The following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the delegates to this Convention warmly appreciate and shall treasure in grateful remembrance the cordial Christian hospitality of the citizens of Glennville.

At 11 o'clock a *sermon* was preached by W. H. Patterson.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

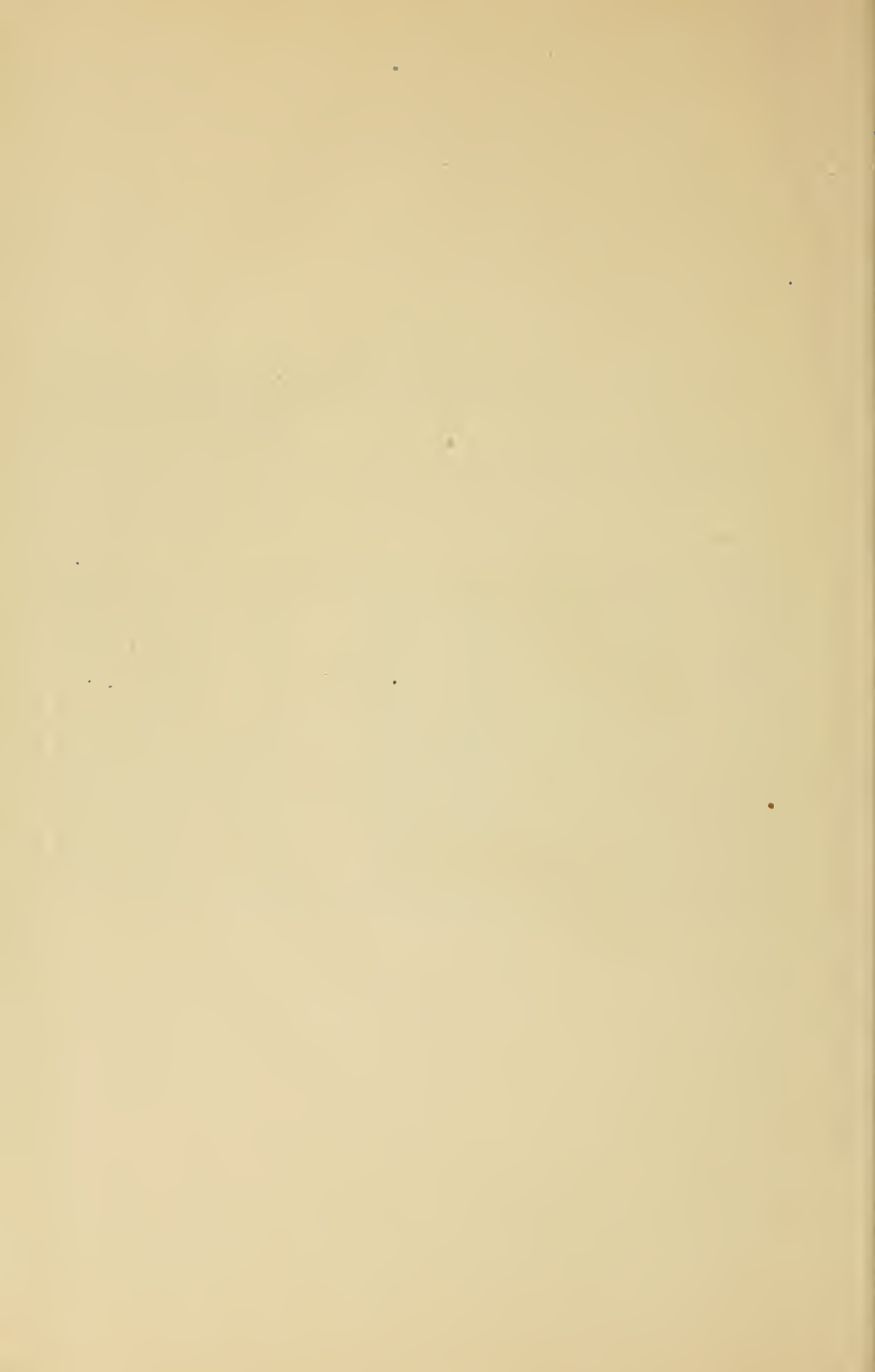
A. B. STARKE, Chairman.

Wm. A. DAVIS, Secretary.



STATISTICAL TABLE—EUFULA ASSOCIATION—1883.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Excluded and Dropped.	Present Membership.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Preaching Saturday before.	Reports Revivals.	No. in Sabbath School.	Rec'd into ch. from S. S.	Contributed by S. Sch's.	Mos. in year S. S. open.	Church Property.	Church Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Purposes.	Student's Fund So. Bap. Theo. Seminary.	Student at H. College.	Ag'd and Infirm Minst's	Education of G. W. Harrison.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	TOTAL.												
Bethlehem.....	N. C. Underwood	S. A. Sims.....	Louisville, Ala.	6	2	2	0	5	2	100	No	2	Yes.	Yes	46	2	15	00	8	500	60	150	2	00	5	00	3	00	5	00	6	00	5	00	31	60				
Centre Ridge.....	Z. T. Weaver....	J. J. S. Willis....	Mt. Andrew, "	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	94	Yes	2	Yes.	Yes	42	3	12	00	100	0	100	1	00	4	00	5	00	8	00	4	00	4	00	25	00				
Clayton.....	T. H. Stout.....	L. K. Faulk.....	Clayton, "	5	5	0	0	7	1	81	Yes	2	No.	Yes	102	6	64	75	12	500	0	400	2	00	5	00	10	00	24	65	8	00	8	35	74	00				
Cowikee.....	W. H. Patterson.	Jno. Brightwell..	Batesville, "	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	36	No	2	Yes.	No.	0	0	0	400	0	150	2	00	10	00	10	00	10	00	10	00	6	00	38	00					
Enon.....	W. S. Rogers.....	Jno. Milner.....	Midway, "	2	0	0	0	1	6	4	31	No	2	Yes.	No.	0	0	0	300	0	150	50	2	00	3	00	12	35	5	00	5	00	2	85	30	15				
Eufaula.....	J. E. Chambliss..	Wm. A. Davis....	Eufaula, "	2	12	1	11	22	0	302	Yes	Ev	No.	No.	187	1	121	32	42	40	000	100	1700	31	55	57	00	5	65	41	50	97	23	41	06	40	26			
Evergreen.....	Jesse Robson....	J. R. Tillery.....	Star Hill, "	4	1	2	1	5	3	54	Yes	4	Yes, 4th	Yes	42	0	0	0	1	000	0	1	00	2	00	2	10	15	00	4	00	4	00	29	10					
Glennville.....	I. P. Cheney.....	E. C. Perry.....	Glennville, "	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	37	Yes	2	No.	No.	50	0	16	50	8	1	000	43	100	2	00	1	00	1	50	1	00	1	00	6	00				
Hawkinsville....	I. P. Cheney.....	H. Hawkins.....	Hawkinsville, "	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	14	No	1	No.	No.	20	0	0	9	100	0	100	50	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	29	10					
Hurtsboro.....	J. A. Howard.....	M. L. Long.....	Hurtsboro, "	4	7	0	0	1	0	0	60	No	2	No.	Yes	42	2	6	00	1	400	0	200	1	50	4	00	2	00	5	00	20	00	61	30	25	00			
Midway.....	W. S. Rogers.....	M. W. Hall.....	Midway, "	0	7	2	1	6	4	110	Yes	1-3	Yes.	3 S	97	0	0	12	2	000	0	400	2	00	20	5	00	20	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	36	50			
Mt. Moriah.....	Mt. Moriah.....	J. N. Rasbery....	Midway, "	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	19	No	.....	.....	No.	0	0	0	0	200	0	.....	50	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	7	25		
Mt. Olive.....	Z. T. Weaver....	Geo. W. Bennett..	Clayton, "	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	No	4	Yes.	Yes	0	0	0	6	400	340	90	1	00	2	00	1	00	5	00	2	00	2	00	15	00				
Mt. Zion.....	J. O. Hixson.....	R. L. Baker.....	Three Notch, "	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	No	2-4	Yes.	Yes	0	0	0	0	1	000	10	300	1	50	10	00	4	85	5	00	40	00	10	00	10	00	81	35	
New Hope.....	A. H. Borders.....	Chalmers Gachet.	Midway, "	2	6	0	0	0	1	34	Yes	4	Yes.	Yes	25	2	0	6	100	0	75	1	25	2	00	1	00	1	00	6	00	2	00	2	00	16	25			
Pea Creek.....	B. C. Bennett....	J. A. Miles.....	Louisville, "	2	3	4	0	0	0	39	No	2	Yes.	Yes	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	50	1	00	1	00	1	00	3	00	1	00	9	50	26	25			
Pine Grove.....	A. H. Borders.....	Geo. Boyer.....	Eufaula, "	3	3	4	0	0	0	32	No	3	No.	Yes	33	2	4	00	7	300	0	1	25	3	00	1	00	1	00	9	40	5	00	5	00	26	25		
Pleasant Grove..	A. H. Borders.....	G. W. Harrison..	Clayton, "	3	3	4	1	5	2	81	Yes	1	Yes.	Yes	0	0	0	0	50	0	30	1	50	1	00	2	50	.....	2	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	00
Pleasant Hill....	I. P. Cheney.....	G. D. Williams..	Eufaula, "	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	12	No	4	No.	Yes	0	0	0	0	50	0	70	50	1	00	1	00	50	1	00	50	50	50	50	50	50	00			
Prospect.....	R. B. Arnold.....	W. W. Sims.....	Clayton, "	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	102	Yes	4	Yes.	Yes	34	4	.....	8	500	0	.....	3	00	1	00	4	00	2	00	4	00	2	00	13	00		
Ramah.....	W. S. Rogers.....	W. P. Gary.....	Harris, "	2	0	0	0	1	8	13	73	No	4	Yes.	Yes	57	0	18	55	12	1	000	0	200	2	00	5	00	22	00	10	00	10	00	56	00				
Union.....	A. H. Borders...	Jno. T. Watkins..	Clayton, "	16	3	0	0	1	2	66	No	2	No.	Yes	0	0	0	0	300	0	50	2	00	1	00	1	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	1	35	9	35			
Sunday Collection			
Totals	74	55	18	27	87	34	1480	9	735	22	258	18	50	700	553	4270	62	05	145	00	56	70	10	00	100	00	363	78	452	46	147	46	1037	45



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The THIRD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION of the Eufaula Baptist Association will be held at a time and place to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The programme will be issued in ample time.